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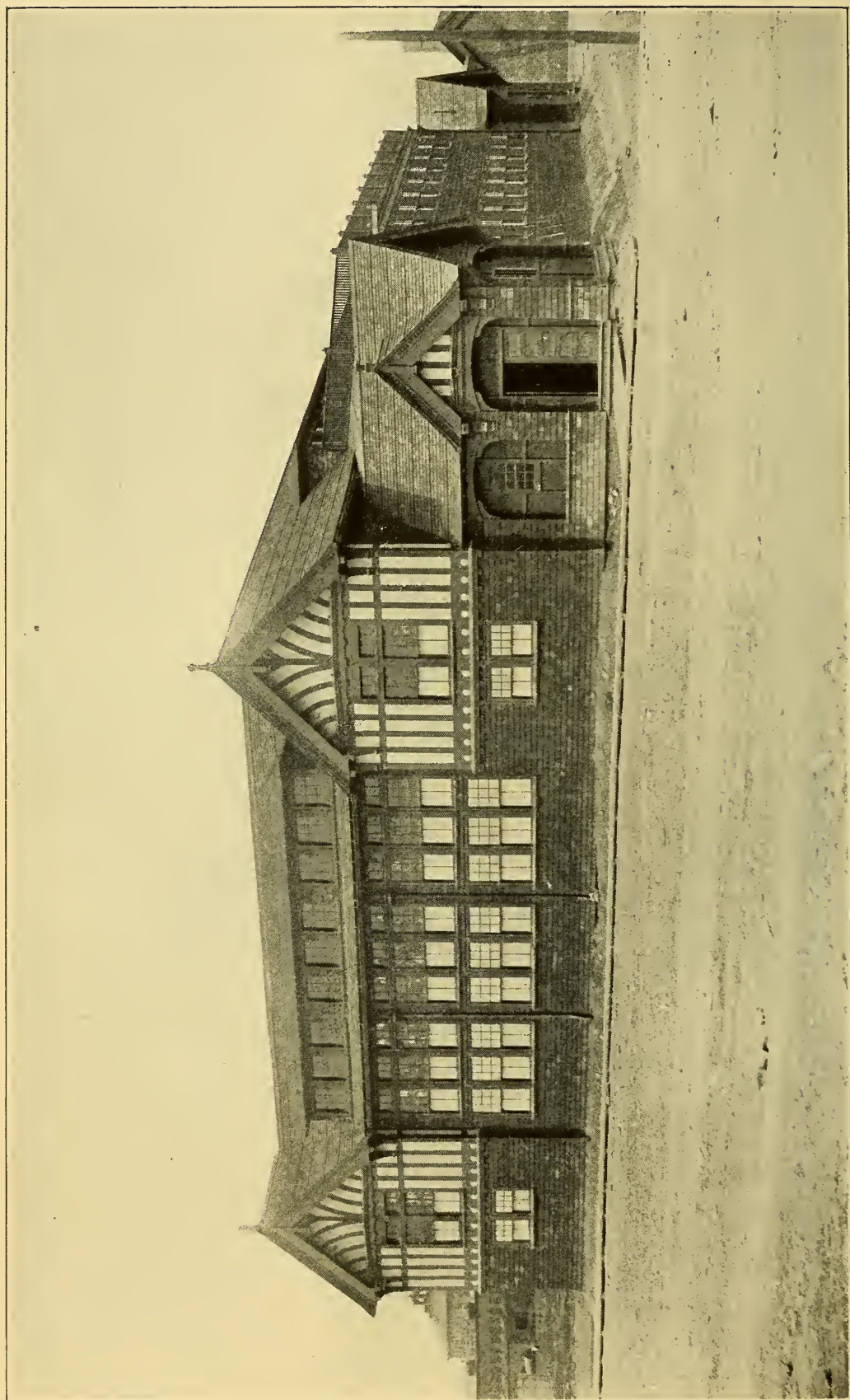


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LEONARD D. AHL, Chairman.



EXTERIOR OF GYMNASIUM AND BATH, SOUTH BOSTON.

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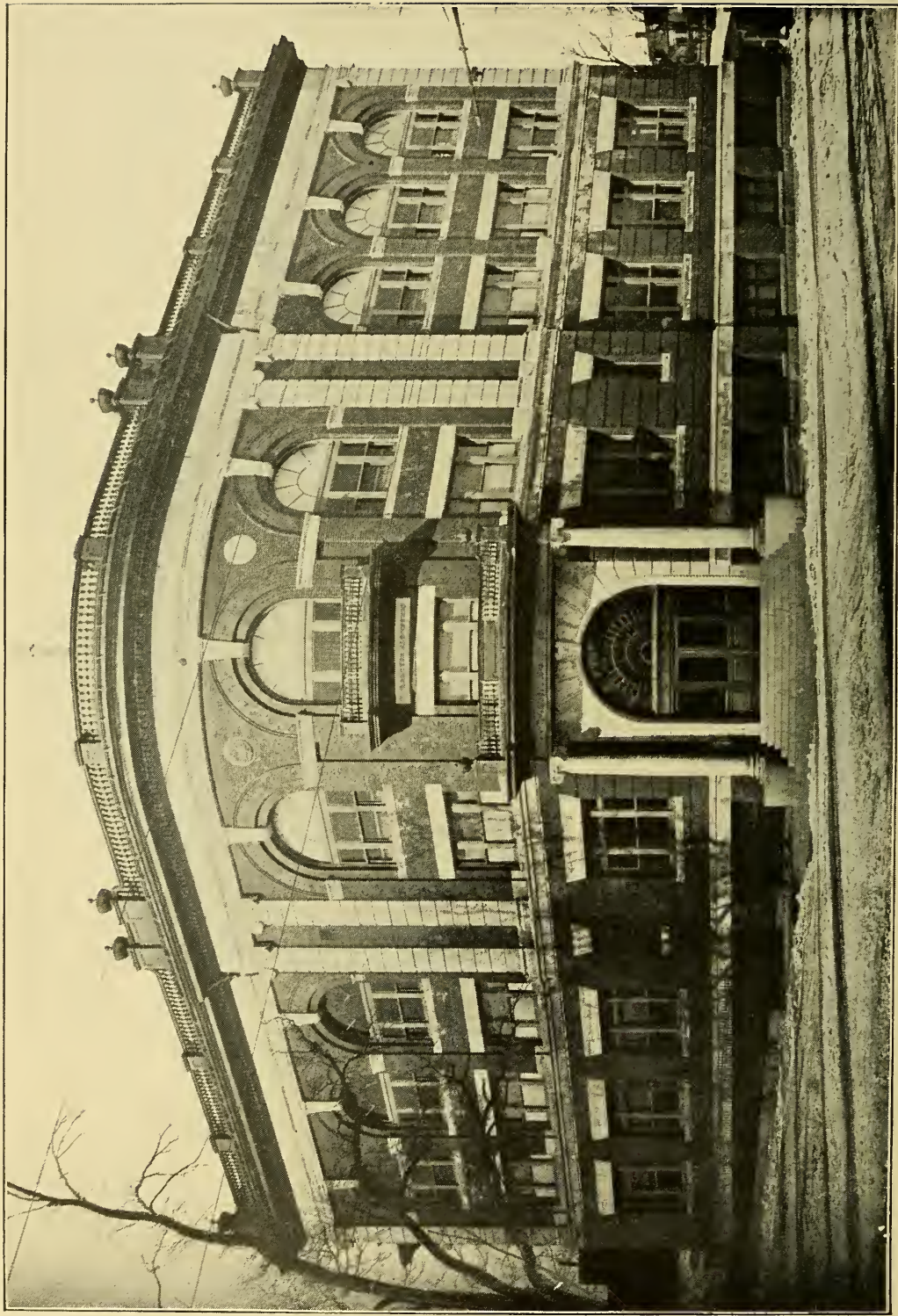


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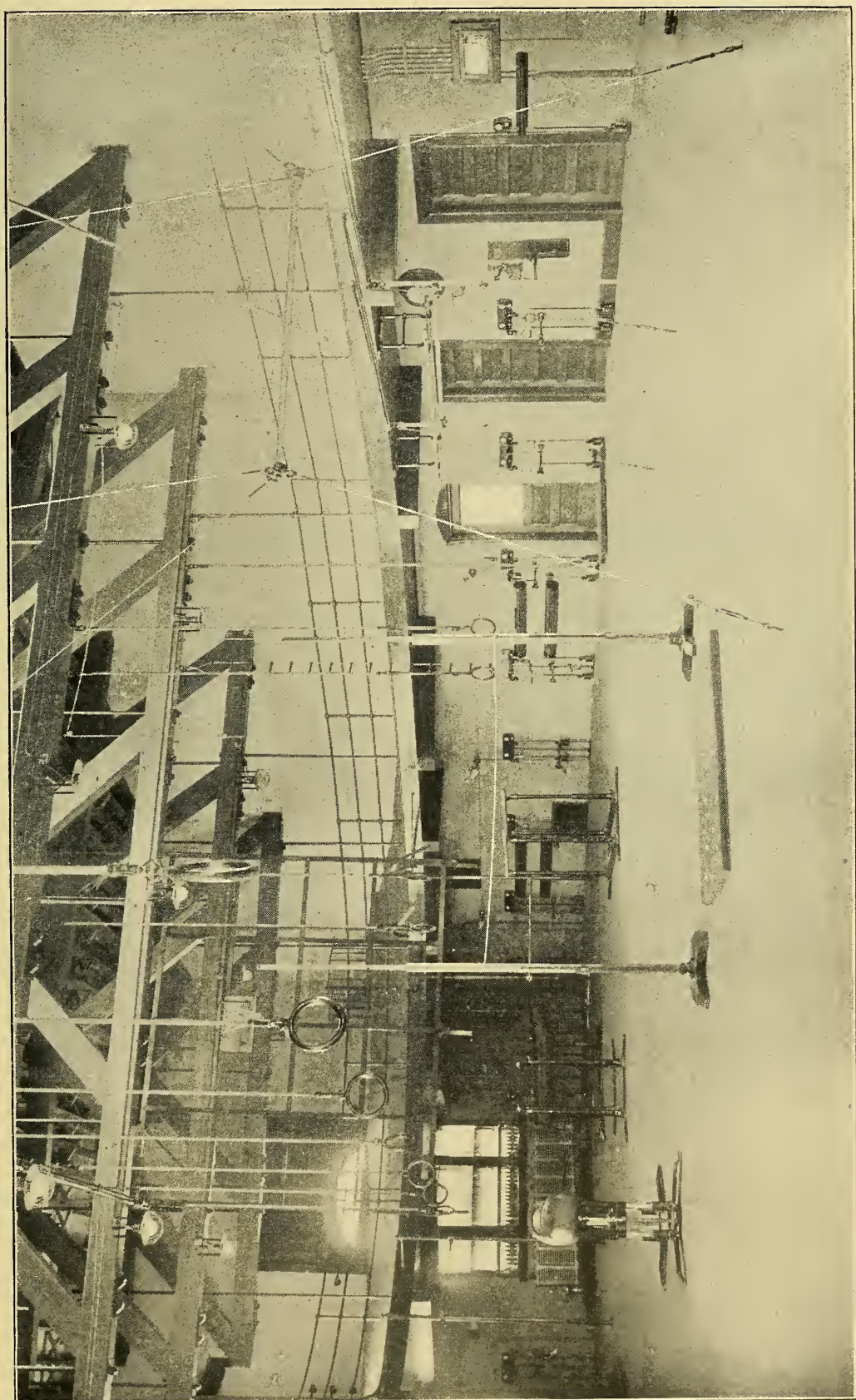
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Boston. Public Department
Dec. 21. 1904

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING, COLUMBIA ROAD, WARD 16.



MUNICIPAL BUILDING GYMNASIUM, COLUMBIA ROAD, WARD 16.

64 PEMBERTON SQUARE,
BOSTON, June 25, 1907.

HON. JOHN F. FITZGERALD,
Mayor of the City of Boston :

SIR, — The Trustees of the Bath Department submit herewith their ninth annual report.

During the past year the following new work has been undertaken and carried out to the point indicated: The new bath-house, which includes a gymnasium, on North Bennet street is now well under way, and it is hoped that the building may be ready for use, if money is available, by the spring of next year. At Tenean beach, Neponset, suitable buildings have been provided for men and women, and the beach can be put to use during the coming summer, but further work is necessary to make this beach really suitable for bathing. A new floating raft and pool have been built for use at the Spring-street bath at West Roxbury to replace the old equipment. Three of the old floating bath-houses have been repaired and made practically as good as new. The shower baths at the Copley School, Charlestown, and the Paul Revere School, North End, have been opened in the evening under the charge of this department, and thus made of use for a large number of adults. Among the minor improvements which have been made are the sixty closets for men erected in the boys' department at L street, to allow fathers coming to the bath with their sons to bathe with them, boys not being permitted in the men's department of the bath-house. Two outworn and objectionable street sani-

taries, one on Boston Common near the corner of Tremont and Boylston streets, and one just off of Endicott street in a passageway, have been removed.

INSTRUCTION AND MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The statements from the Physical Director and Medical Director are included separately in this report. It is a matter of much gratification to the trustees that these two important lines of work are now attaining extremely satisfactory results. It means much to the city that at the various gymnasiums and at the swimming baths a systematic and effective scheme of training is carried out under the careful and constant supervision of an expert in such matters.

We feel that the department is now carrying on an educational campaign, including all-round muscular development and skill in swimming, which ranks in importance with much of the service rendered by the public schools. The instruction is preceded by systematic medical inspection, which, aside from its direct value in enlarging the results of the class work, is the means of imparting to the younger generation much indispensable knowledge as to the care of the body.

TYPES OF AGENCIES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT.

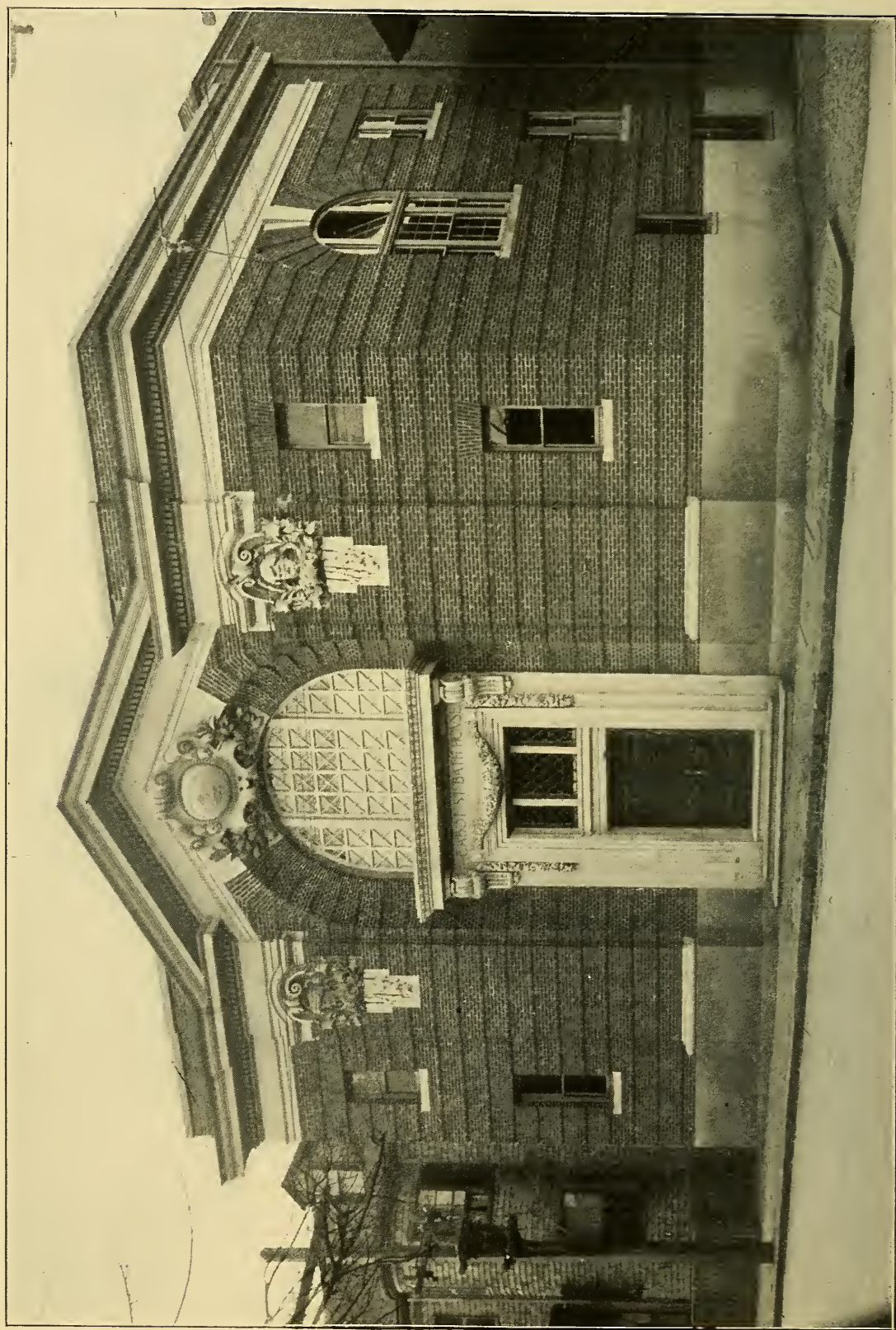
A list is appended showing the different types of agencies for physical betterment under the administration of this department:

All-the-year-round Baths.

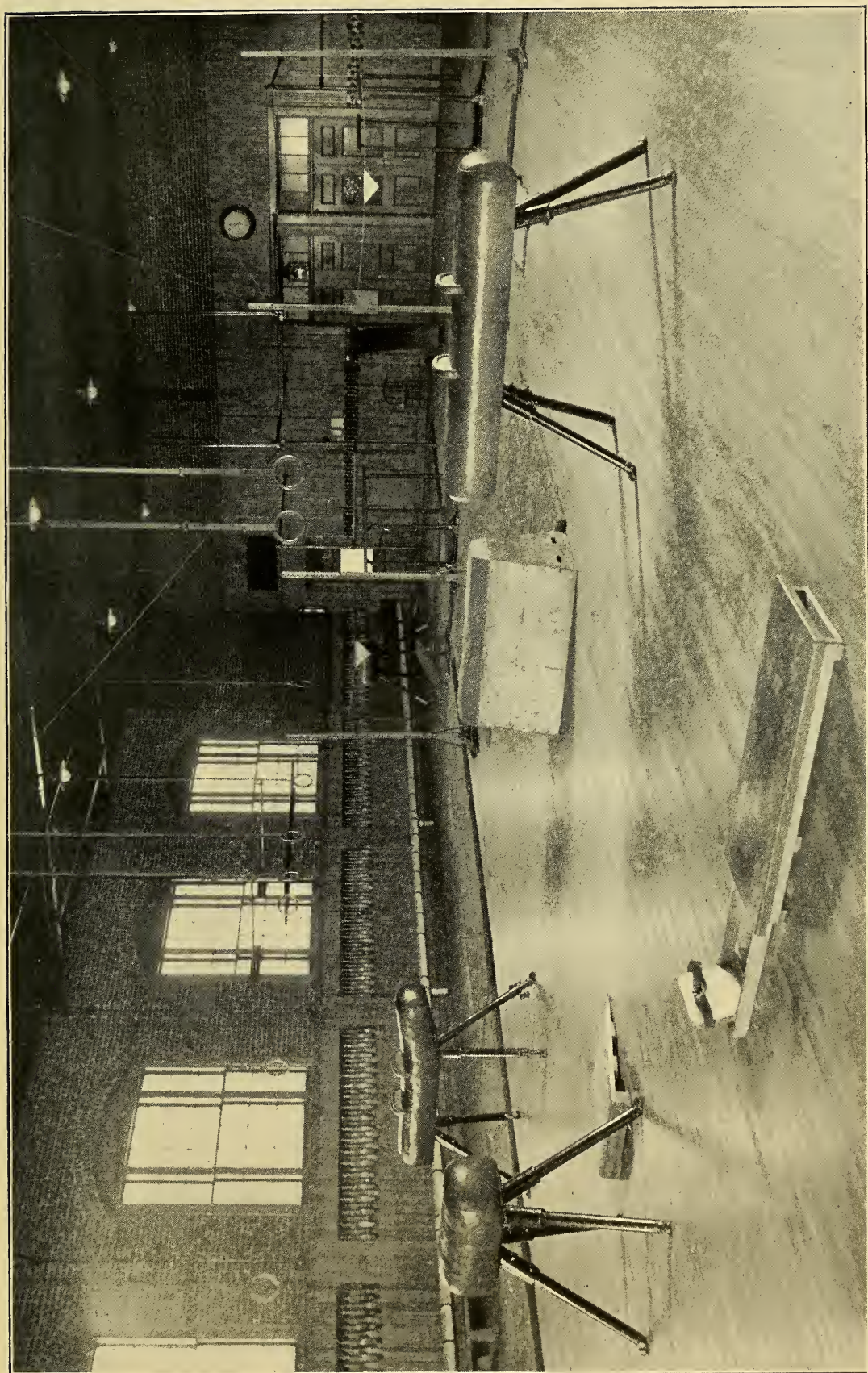
- Cabot-street bath-house, which includes a swimming pool, Cabot street, near Whittier street, Roxbury.
- Dover-street bath-house, 249 Dover street, South End.
- Copley School shower baths, Bartlett street, Charlestown.
- Paul Revere School shower baths, Prince street, North End.

Gymnasiums and Baths.

- Cabot-street gymnasium, included in Cabot-street bath-house, Cabot street, near Whittier street, Roxbury.
- Ward 16 gymnasium, Municipal building, corner Columbia road and Bird street, Dorchester.
- D-street gymnasium, D street, South Boston.
- East Boston gymnasium, 116 Paris street, East Boston.



EXTERIOR VIEW, CABOT-STREET BATH-HOUSE.



GYMNASIUM, CABOT-STREET BATH-HOUSE.

Ward 7 gymnasium, 75 Tyler street, South End.

Ward 9 gymnasium, corner Harrison avenue and Plympton street, South End.

Beach Baths.

L-street beach bath-house, foot of L street, on Columbia road, South Boston.

North End Park beach bath-houses, Commercial street, North End.

Wood Island Park beach bath-house, East Boston.

Dewey beach bath-house, Medford street, Charlestown.

Commercial Point beach bath-house, Freeport street, Dorchester.

McKenzie beach bath-house, Strandway, Ward 16. (New.)

Tenean beach bath-house, Neponset. (New.)

Floating Bath-houses and Swimming Pools.

Spring-street swimming pool (river bath), West Roxbury.

Orchard Park swimming pool, Roxbury.

Border-street floating bath-houses, East Boston.

Jeffries Point floating bath-house, East Boston.

Warren bridge floating bath-houses, Charlestown.

Charlesbank floating bath-houses, West End. (Formerly located at West Boston bridge.)

Dover-street bridge floating bath-houses, South End.

Brighton bridge floating bath-house, Brighton.

Convenience Stations.

Underground convenience station, Boston Common, near corner of Tremont and Park streets.

Cottage for women on Boston Common, near West street.

Cottage for men on Boston Common, near Flagstaff hill.

Cottage for women on Public Garden.

Street Sanitaries.

Merrimac square, West End.

Richmond street, North End.

Franklin square, Washington street, South End.

Corner Eustis and Washington streets, Roxbury.

WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT BY DISTRICTS.

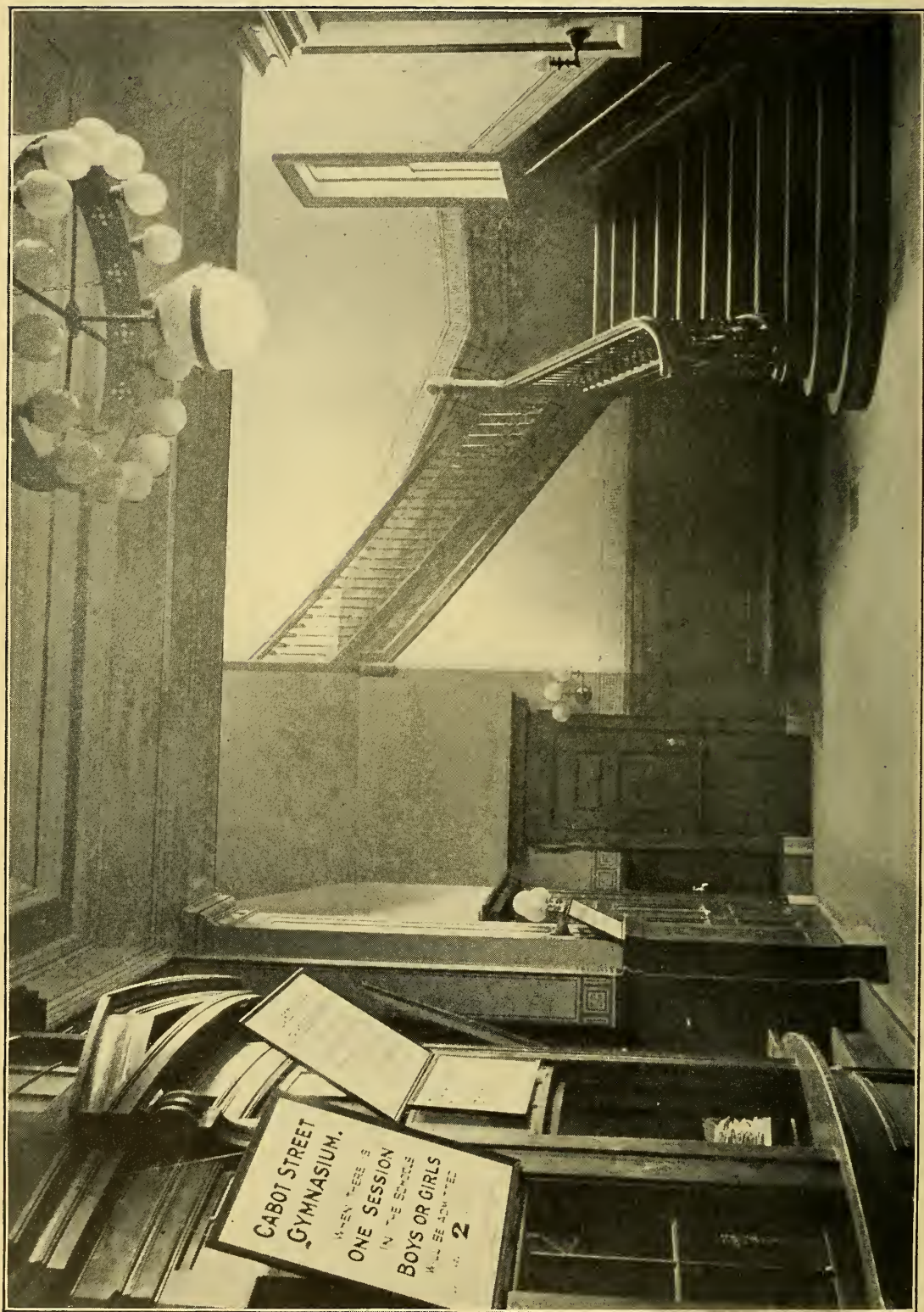
In order that it may be clearly seen how thoroughly the work of the department now covers the sections of the city requiring such service, the report this year is made especially by districts.

SOUTH END.

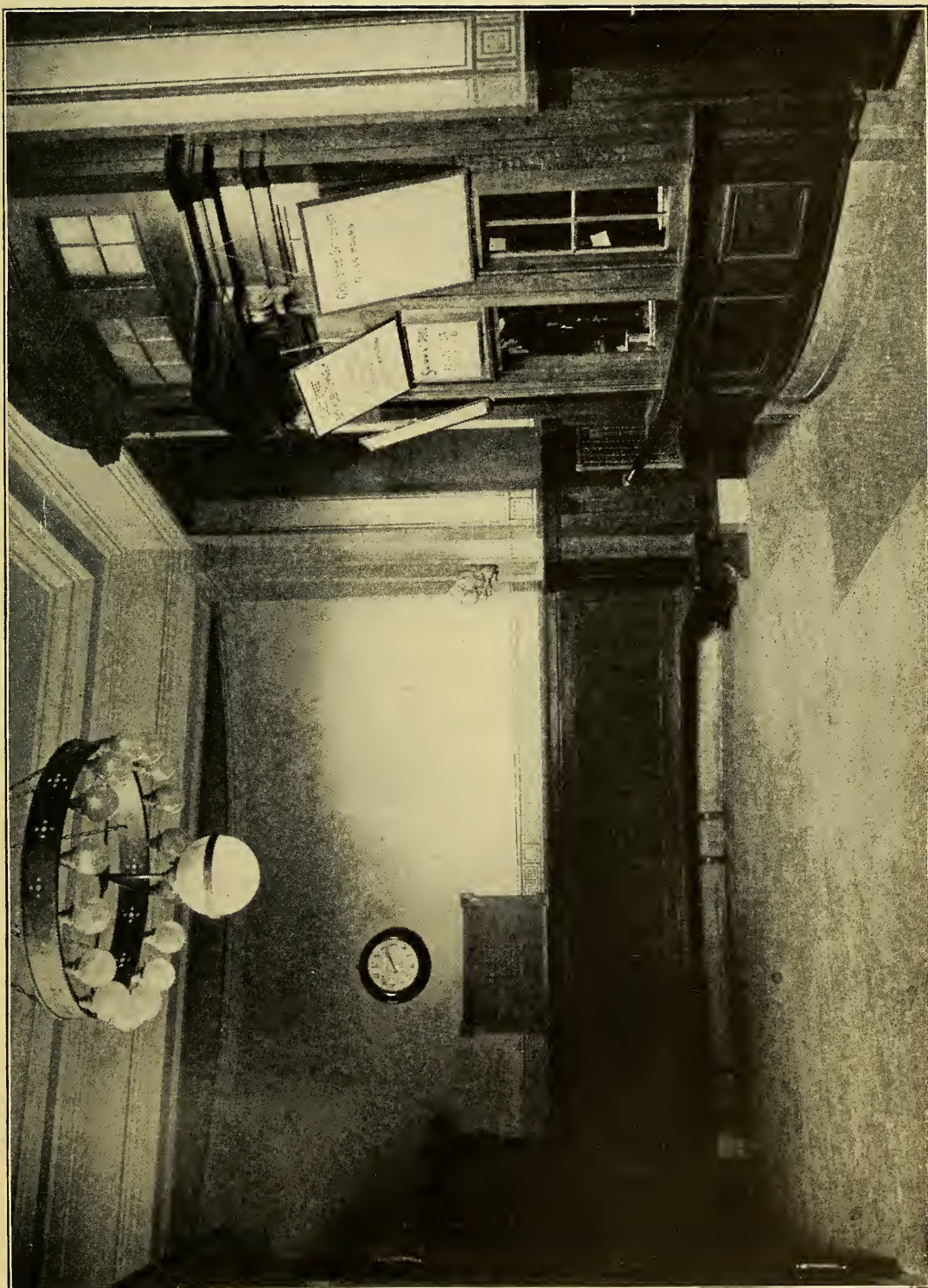
The Dover-street bath-house, which is the central, and in some respects the most important, institution under the charge of the department, continues to maintain its remarkable record of good service. The attendance, which registers in round numbers 1,000 persons a day for every day in the year, is made up of persons of all nationalities, from various walks of life, and from every section of the city. There is satisfactory reason to believe that large numbers of people use the facilities of the building with increasing regularity and frequency, and that, aside from the immediate service rendered, the building has a valuable educational effect in permanently raising the standard of cleanliness, particularly among the immigrant portion of the city's population. It is a gratifying fact that the attendance of women has considerably increased during the past two years. There is a constant tendency on the part of women, as well as men, to prefer the shower baths, and we are satisfied that in the future the city ought not in any case to attempt to provide tubs in its bath-houses. The trustees venture to think that the general cleanliness and the principles of serviceable administration, which were established in the beginning and have consistently been maintained, have much to do with the increased attendance of women and with the general success of the institution. The substantial and excellent construction of the building continues to justify itself in the small cost of repairs, which, in a building so largely used and where there is so much running water, might under ordinary circumstances be considerable. Nearly all the laundry work of the department is done in this building. A new mangle of the most improved type has recently been installed.

The floating bath-house for both sexes at the Dover-street bridge has as usual been largely patronized during the past summer. Though so near to the Dover-street bath-house, this large use does not show itself in any decrease of the attendance at the all-the-year-round bath-house.

The two small gymnasiums in this district, one on Tyler street, the other at the corner of Harrison avenue and Plympton street, continue to be useful up to the limit of their capacity. The shower baths are used to an increased extent by persons who make little or no use of the gymnasium proper. In this way, as well as for the class-work, among men and women, boys and girls, these two neighborhood gymnasiums reach a large number of people in their immediate vicinity. At the same time the trustees are more



SHOWING OFFICE AND STAIRS LEADING TO SHOWER BATHS AND GYMNASIUM FLOORS, CABOT-STREET BATH-HOUSE.



ANOTHER VIEW OF LOBBY AND OFFICE, CABOT-STREET BATH-HOUSE.

and more clearly of the opinion that it is inadvisable for the city to maintain neighborhood institutions of this type, but that large district gymnasiums should alone be provided.

The only street sanitary in this district is that situated on Washington street at Franklin square.

NORTH END.

The North End beach keeps up its record of very large use by the population made up of those recently come to this country. It is the one swimming beach in the whole city which is located within a few minutes' walk of a great congested district, and on this account it probably yields the largest returns, in proportion to the expense of time and trouble of reaching it, of any of the institutions under the department. The playground on the beach continues to be successful and useful, being provided with a good supply of apparatus and managed by attendants* who do so much to assist the children with amusement. The baseball ground continues to be a very popular resort. The double recreation pier is greatly used by mothers and their children. The small laundry at this point is used during the summer months. Owing to the increased work to be done it needs to be considerably enlarged.

The new building for baths and gymnasium on North Bennet street promises to be a most attractive and useful bath-house structure. In point of situation, like the North End park, it will have the great advantage of being in the very midst of the city's most crowded and most foreign quarter. In our next report we confidently hope to record an unusually successful beginning of work at this point. Meanwhile the opening in the evening of the baths in the Paul Revere School will serve to institute a campaign for cleanliness in winter as well as summer.

The only sanitary at present in this district is that situated on Richmond street, which is of substantial iron construction.

WEST END.

This district, which includes the Charlesbank with its outdoor gymnasium and shower baths, under the charge of the Park Department, has under the direction of the Bath Department two floating bath-houses, which will for the future be moored at the Charlesbank. When the new Charles River dam is completed they will have a supply of water which will permit bathing at all stages of tide.

The iron sanitary station which was originally planned for Roxbury Crossing, but was not found available there, serves a very good purpose at Merrimac square, near the North Station.

EAST BOSTON.

The old gymnasium building on Paris street, the presentation of which to the city made the beginning of the municipal gymnasium service, is still very much used, but it is only by special care and expense that it is possible to keep it up to the demands which are made upon it. The greatest need of the department continues to be for a new and proper building to take the place of this worn-out and even dangerous structure.

The beach at Wood Island Park, which is, unfortunately, at a considerable distance from the most populated section of the district, is yet very largely used, particularly on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. An enlargement of the swimming beach would be decidedly advantageous.

East Boston is well provided with floating bath-houses, having one at Jeffries Point and two at Border street.

The yard of the department at which the floating bath-houses are kept in winter, and where they are from year to year put in repair so far as is possible, is also in this district.

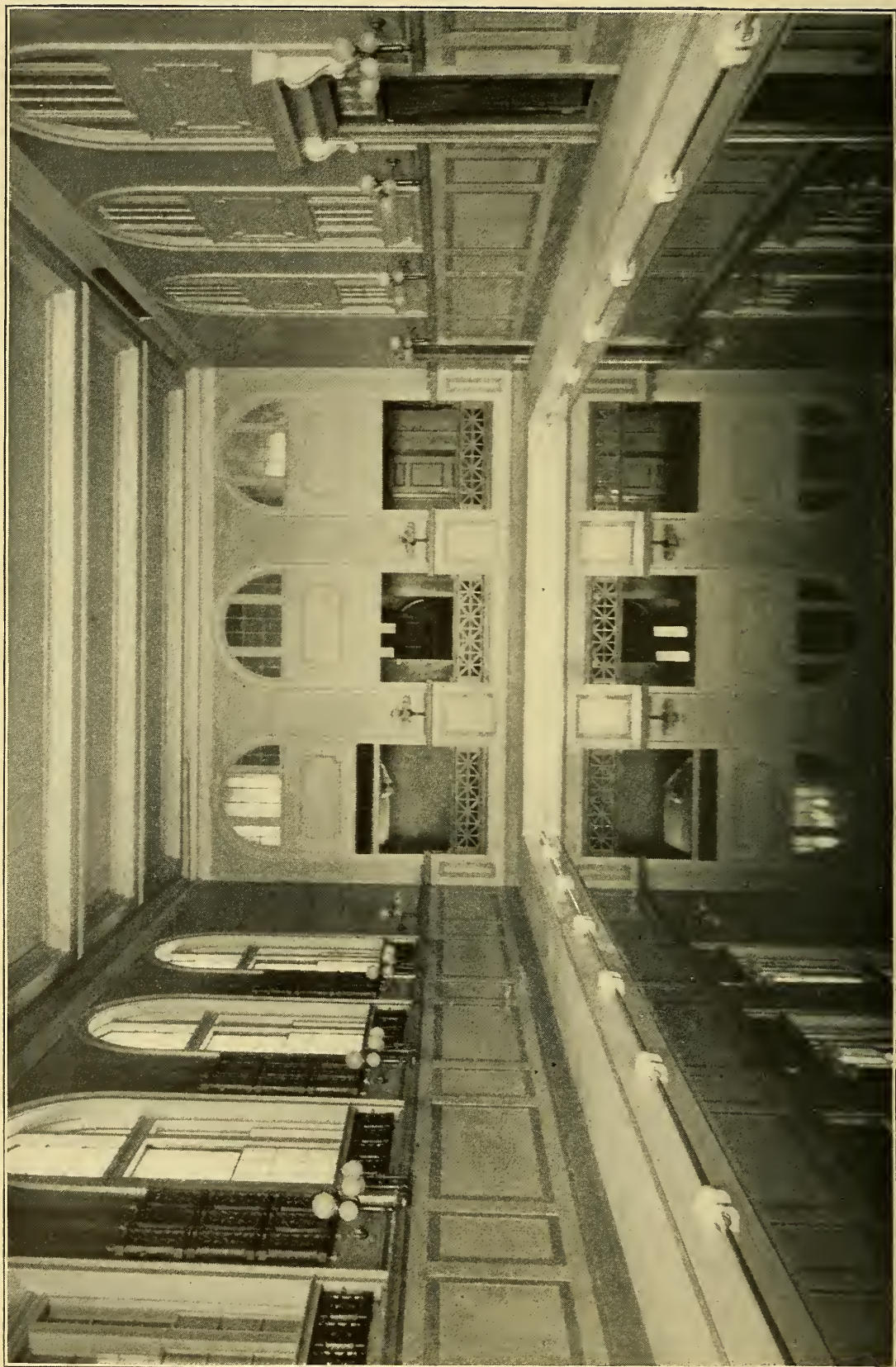
CHARLESTOWN.

Dewey Beach, in the upper part of this district, has accommodation for some 300 bathers at one time, and considering the conditions is largely used. The beach, however, is not so desirable a place as most of the beaches under the care of the department, and some difficulty has been found in maintaining order. Twice during the past year parts of the wooden buildings have been burned, the fires having been started by incendiaries.

The opening of the shower baths at the Copley School during the evening will be the means of giving the people of this district the privilege of a public cleanliness bath, which has long been urged by Charlestown citizens.

SOUTH BOSTON.

L-street bath-house is probably the most popular of all the baths in the city. The attendance of men, women and children is very large, and, considering the crowds which come to the beach, the order is satisfactory. The attendance



SWIMMING POOL, CABOT-STREET BATH-HOUSE, LOOKING TOWARD BALCONY.



SWIMMING POOL, CABOT-STREET BATH-HOUSE, FROM BALCONY.

at many times during the summer overtakes the facilities of the building in the women's division, as well as in those for men and for boys, but in the present condition of the city's finances we are not prepared to recommend any increase in the facilities at this point.

The D-street gymnasium, which is the largest of the gymnasiums under the department, keeps up its work satisfactorily. The men's classes continue to be the best attended in the city.

A motion has been made in the City Council to procure an appropriation to finish the Ward 15 bath-house, for which the foundation was laid some years ago; the amount proposed, however, would be too small to properly complete the building.

ROXBURY.

The Cabot-street bath-house, which contains shower baths, a swimming pool and a gymnasium, has now had a full year in which to show what its value in service to this district is to be. The gymnasium and shower baths are largely resorted to. The swimming pool is used chiefly by men and boys, but the attendance of women and girls is on the increase. The trustees feel that one such all-the-year-round swimming pool is all the city should undertake to provide; they will not approve of swimming pools in any future bath-houses and gymnasiums which may be built.

On the eastern side of this district there is a street sanitary on the corner of Eustis and Washington streets; and an open-air swimming pool at Orchard Park, which is largely resorted to by the children of that district during the summer, and thus fills a real need in a section which is some distance from any of the beaches or floating bath-houses.

DORCHESTER.

The Columbia-road gymnasium has proved to be exceedingly popular, so much so that during most of the season an extra room has to be opened and two gymnasium classes carried on simultaneously. A large number of persons not attending the gymnasium take advantage of the shower baths and swimming pool in this building.

The Commercial Point Beach bath-house is so unsatisfactory in its conditions that it should be given up. In the meanwhile the trustees are making preparation for two other beaches in this district, one at McKenzie Beach on the Strandway, Ward 16, and the other at Tenean Beach,

Neponset. When these two beaches are ready, the latter of which will be a particularly good one, it will be easy to give up further use of the beach at Commercial Point.

BUSINESS SECTION.

In the business section of the city the Bath Trustees have charge of the underground convenience station on the Common, which renders a very considerable and important service to the public well-being. Beside the separate sections for men and women at this point, there is the sanitary cottage for men on Flagstaff hill, Boston Common, and there are cottages for women also on Boston Common and the Public Garden.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to the trustees that several cities throughout the country have sent representatives to Boston to inspect the underground convenience station, with a view to establishing the same system in their home cities.

WEST ROXBURY.

At the extreme southern point of the city, in the Charles river, at the Spring-street bridge, is an open-air, floating swimming pool, which, as already stated, has been rebuilt during the past year. Beside being considerably resorted to by the people of the district, this pool is used by the boys of the Boston Parental School, on the edge of whose grounds the bath is located.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

A new gymnasium building should be erected at once on Paris street, East Boston, in place of the old wooden structure, whose use is continued only because of the large and insistent demand for its facilities.

A sufficient amount should be appropriated to properly complete the bath-house and gymnasium now being erected on North Bennet street.

Each year a new floating bath-house should be built, as the present houses are so old that it is expensive and almost impossible to keep them in repair.

Underground convenience stations, similar to the one now on Boston Common, should be constructed in several downtown squares.



Photo By
C. W. BOSTON

WOMEN'S HOUSE, L STREET BEACH. (BEACH VIEW.)

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION.

The members of the Bath Trustees again refer with much pleasure to the intelligent and earnest service rendered the department in all parts of its work by the General Superintendent, Joseph P. O'Brien. They also congratulate themselves that much of the detail work of the department is in the hands of men and women who are loyal to its true interests and put forth their best efforts to make its facilities of service to the people of the city.

LEONARD D. AHL,
Chairman.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

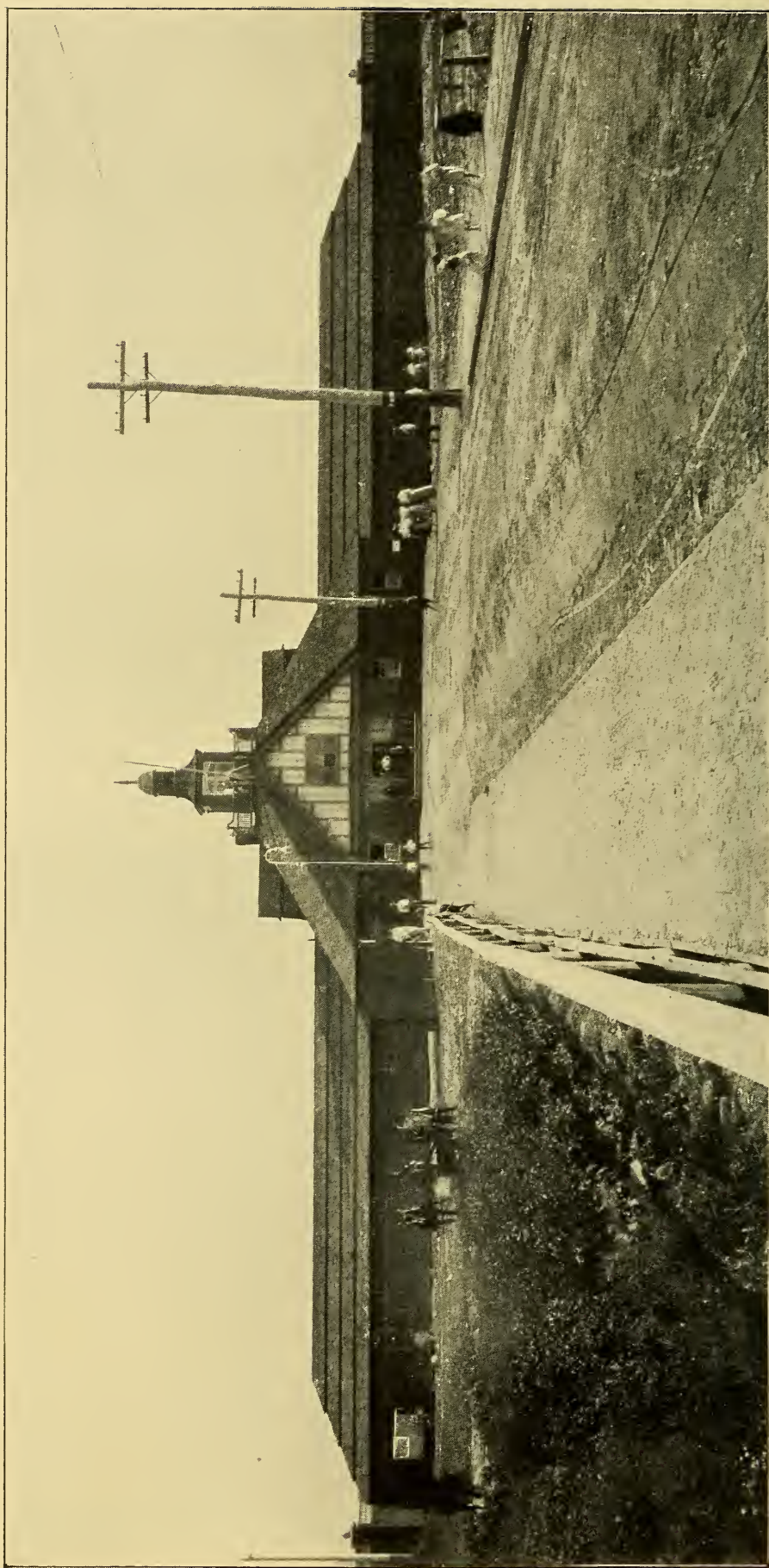
To the Bath Trustees of the City of Boston :

It is a matter of particular satisfaction to report a distinct gain in the kind and amount of work done by the municipal gymnasiums during the past year. They have taken a firmer and deeper hold upon the community ; each year sees them working larger benefits.

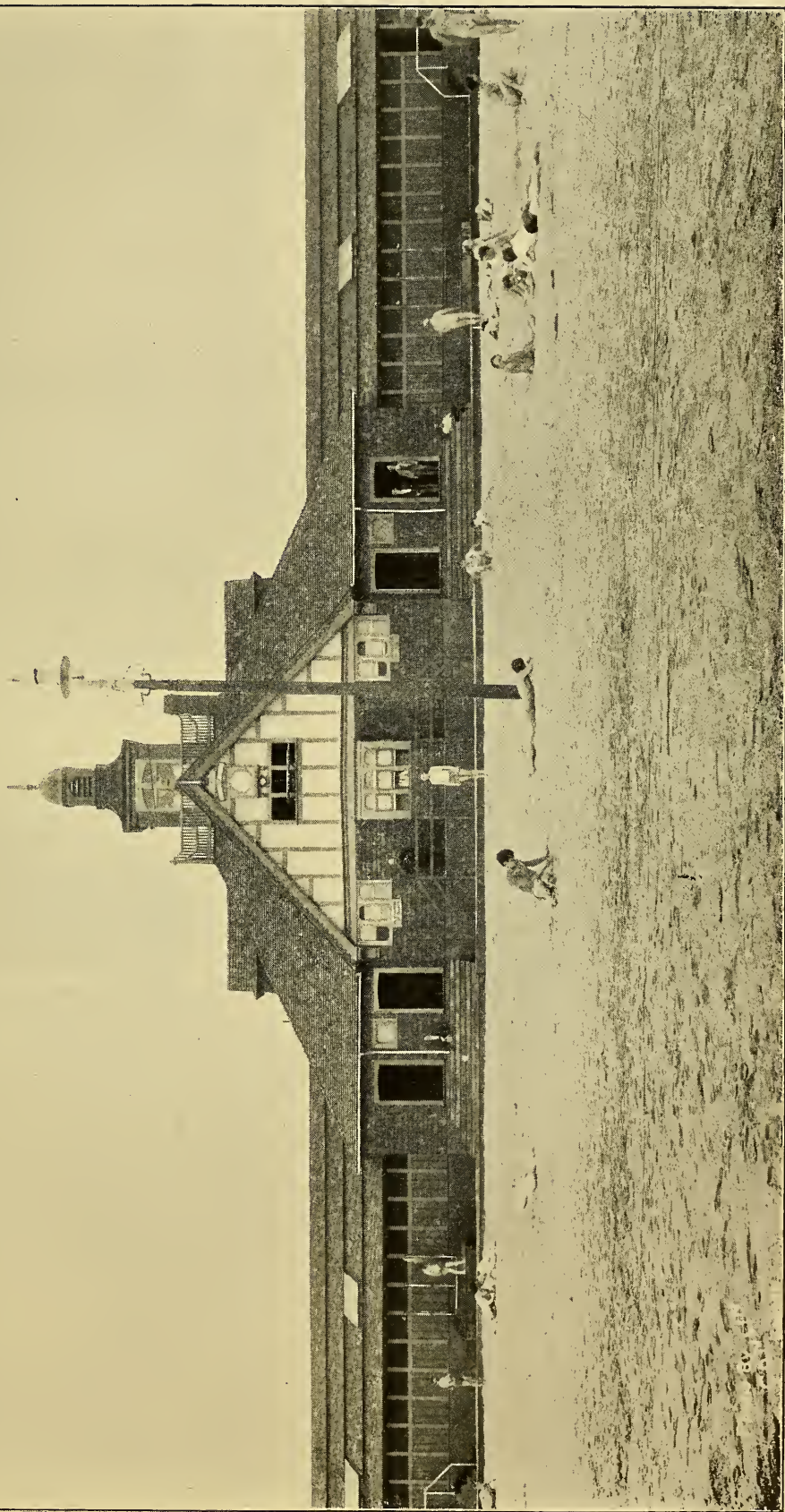
The medical staff are giving an increasingly useful service to those who use the gymnasiums ; and again emphasis should be laid upon the fact that every patron of the municipal gymnasium ought to make use of the opportunity to meet the gymnasium doctor before beginning the winter's gymnasium work. A clear knowledge of what is most needed in the way of physical exercise, and in some instances what should not be attempted, secures the best results. It would be a step in the right direction to require that every woman and child who joins the gymnasium classes be examined by the gymnasium doctor. Women need close supervision of their gymnasium work and frolic, for the freedom and the lack of restraint which comes with getting into a gymnasium suit oftentimes is a temptation to do unwise things. A word of caution from the doctor and the instructor is frequently necessary ; and in no way does it hinder having just as good a time.

There are many reasons why the children should be required to have a thorough physical examination once every year. An opportunity is given to discover the boys and girls who have crooked backs, and to help them outgrow their deformities. Instruction is given as to the proper and healthful way to stand and to sit ; and the gymnasium instructors stand ready to give particular attention to such children, and put them through corrective exercises especially adapted to the needs of each individual child. From time to time the instructor reports to the gymnasium doctor the progress that has been made.

The children who are mouth breathers could be discovered, and arrangements made by the gymnasium doctor to have those children sent to their physicians or the proper institutions for the removal of the obstruction which hinders free breathing. This service is rendered to many children



L STREET BEACH, MEN'S HOUSE. (VIEW FROM STREET.)



L STREET BEACH, MEN'S HOUSE. (BEACH VIEW.)

who come to the municipal gymnasiums; every one that needs it should have it. And in making a careful physical examination of a child the doctor often can detect evidences of unhealthful habits—a knowledge which, if conveyed tactfully to the child or the parents, helps to overcome those habits. Children cannot be given too much encouragement and real help towards right living.

A complete knowledge of the physical needs of the body includes a knowledge of the care and use of the teeth. Most children have sadly neglected teeth and mouths, a condition which works great immediate and permanent evil. The teeth are organs of the first importance; their loss by decay and disease, the result of neglect, hinders seriously nutrition and growth. To obtain the best results through physical exercise all the organs of nutrition should be sound and perform their work properly. Last year many of the children in the municipal gymnasiums had a careful inspection of their teeth and the condition of their mouths. This inspection indicated undeniably that every child (and young woman and young man) who makes regular use of the gymnasiums should have an inspection of the teeth by the gymnasium doctor, and receive the benefit of substantial privileges of securing proper care of the teeth and mouth. A practical working plan for promoting better care of the teeth was set going in the city gymnasiums the past year. An opportunity to have the teeth examined by the gymnasium doctor was offered; a leaflet on "The Care and Use of the Teeth" was printed and distributed; and short and interesting talks on "The Teeth and Health" were given the gymnasium classes by the instructors.

These talks were thoroughly practical, and they stated useful facts in a popular way; they were given just before the classes began their work.

In this crusade the Bath Department of Boston is a pioneer; it is a part of the constructive work in public hygiene which the Bath Trustees are carrying on in such a successful and far-reaching way. A popular movement for the better care of the teeth is growing out of this beginning in the municipal gymnasiums. Its need and usefulness is recognized. The American Academy of Dental Science, the Harvard Dental School and the Dental School of Tufts College have given their official endorsement to the leaflet which is being used by the Bath Department; both of the dental schools in Boston have offered to those patrons of the municipal gymnasiums who cannot afford to buy good dentistry the privilege of their clinics; and the dentists of the city,

through their dental organizations and their individual efforts, are co-operating in giving the leaflet a wide circulation.

The Boston Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis and the Children's Friend Societies appreciate the educative value of this popular movement, and are lending their assistance to promote it.

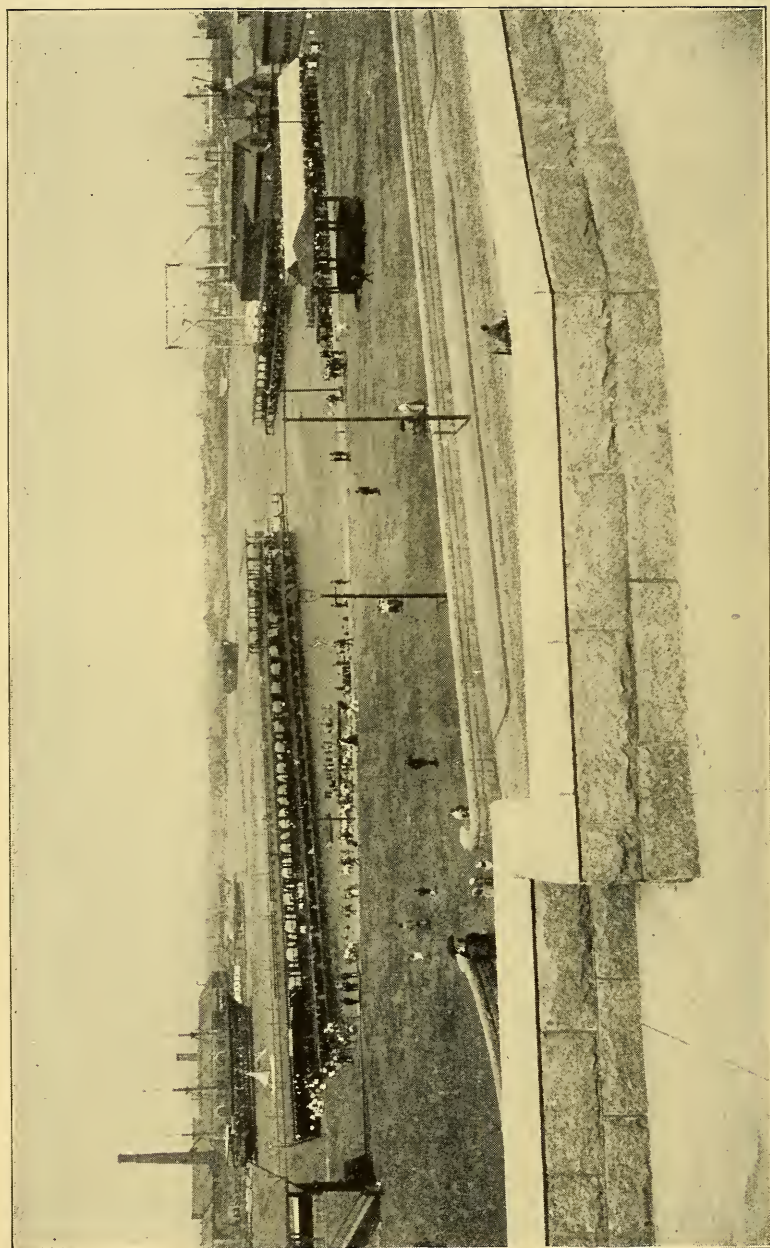
The Boston Dispensary and the settlements have also joined in the crusade, and are giving it their hearty and substantial support.

During the past year, as in previous years, a large number of young men have used the municipal gymnasiums to qualify themselves for the police and fire departments. It is a popular conviction that the "city gyms" offer the best opportunities for bringing a young man up to the physical requirements of the civil service examinations.

The municipal baths and gymnasiums are among the most useful and most popular institutions in the city. Their capacity being taxed to the widest limit, is sufficient proof of the benefits they work in health-making and health-keeping, and as places where the grown up, as well as the child, can go for wholesome recreation. In no small way do they help the rising generation spend its energy in a way which does no harm. "It is the best thing that ever happened," was the reply recently of a policeman when asked about the municipal gymnasium and bath in his district.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. WOODBURY, M.D.,
General Medical Director.



NORTH END BEACH.



EAST BOSTON GYMNASIUM.

REPORT OF PHYSICAL DIRECTOR.

To the Bath Trustees:

GENTLEMEN, — I review for you last year's work of instruction with a strong sense of satisfaction. In the field of instruction, viewed as a whole, more has been achieved than ever before. The sum total of the persons instructed exceeds that of former years, and the advancement that has been made in health, strength and general physical education, by members of long standing, is so great that a few years back I would hardly have thought it possible. And I must say that in that fact alone I find occasion for much of my gratification, for it indicates in a most unmistakable manner that even those who originally were most optimistic in their hopes of what might develop from free public gymnastic instruction little dreamed of what is now an accomplished fact. So much indeed is already clearly demonstrated that it no longer requires the prophetic mind to see that a generation which will be stronger, healthier, nobler, is sure to result.

Our gymnastic régime has now assumed a permanent character, and we have accumulated sufficient data and statistics to enable us to determine definitely the degree of benefit that will result to each individual who avails himself fully of the opportunity which we offer for instruction and special medical gymnastic attention. The co-operation of the medical examiner with the instructor has made it possible to realize many unexpected successes.

The swimming instruction is worthy of particular note this year. Never before have I seen so very many young children at our beaches and bath-houses able to swim. It is needless to dwell on the importance of this fact. Every child who learns to swim is one individual less who is apt to lose his life by drowning.

I am pleased to call attention to this success in instruction, and in doing so I desire to bring to mind the diligence and earnestness of the instructors of the various gymnasia, upon whom it reflects great credit. They are particularly to be complimented on the liveliness of the interest they take in their work and on the manner in which they endeavor to keep themselves informed on the latest knowledge in their profession.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. WALSH,
Physical Director.

June 1, 1907.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The appropriation for the department for 1906-07 was \$183,500; revenue received, \$13,014.75 — making a total of \$196,514.75. The total expenditures for the year were \$196,088.08, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$426.67.

The following is an itemized table of its expenditures, taken from the auditor's report:

General expenses :

Salaries to January 24, 1907, inclusive :

Joseph P. O'Brien, Superintendent,	\$2,193 88	
Employees	1,186 00	
		\$3,379 88
Travelling expenses		590 00
Printing		575 13
Horse-keeping		481 40
Telephone service		325 34
Stationery		218 75
Furniture and office expenses		136 72

Bath-houses and beaches :

Employees	\$94,121 23	
Repairs and improvements	10,612 51	
Furnishings and small supplies	8,010 37	
Heating Dover-street bath-house	6,178 50	
Electric lighting	3,610 30	
Cartage	2,876 25	
Bathing suits	2,828 71	
Fuel	2,593 35	
Rents	1,750 00	
Use of tow-boats	720 00	
Ice	313 63	
Boat	100 00	
Medical supplies	52 00	
		133,736 85

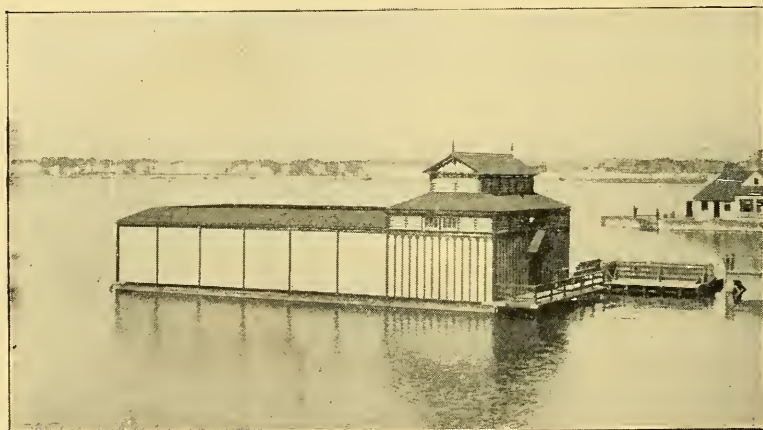
Urinals :

Employees	\$12,345 97
Furniture and small supplies	934 48
Repairs	744 56
Electric lighting	328 70
Fuel	210 29

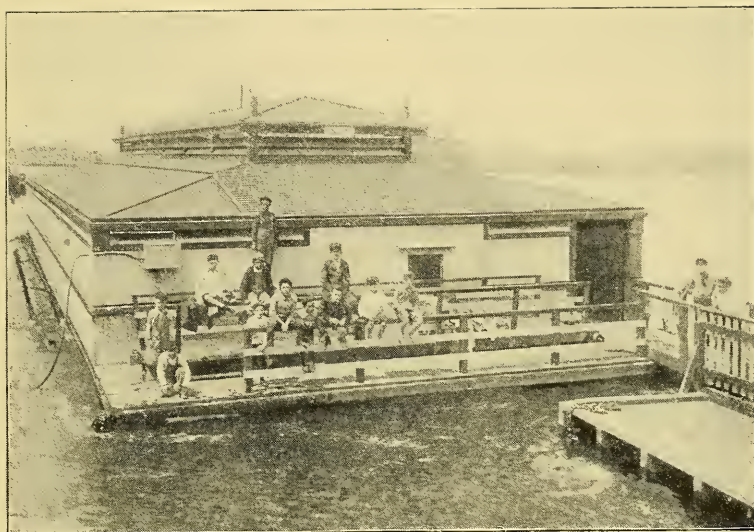
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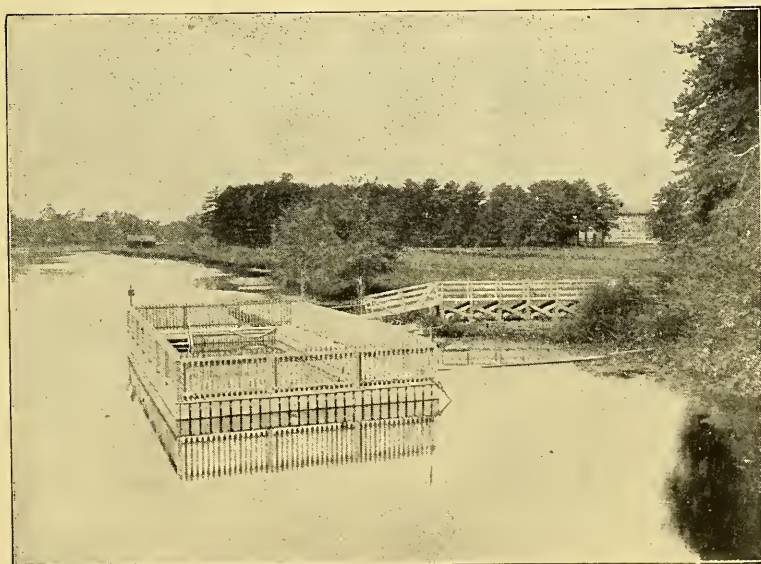
ORCHARD PARK ROXBURY.



NEW TYPE OF FLOATING BATH, HARVARD BRIDGE.



A FLOATING BATH, WEST BOSTON BRIDGE.



A RIVER BATH. (PARENTAL SCHOOL IN THE BACKGROUND.)

<i>Brought forward</i> . . .	\$14,564 00	\$139,474 07
Travelling expenses 60 00	
Gas 19 17	
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Gymnasia :		
Employees	\$31,844 40	
Fuel 2,993 37	
Repairs 1,677 81	
Medical service and supplies . .	. 1,421 20	
Electric lighting 1,328 80	
Furnishings and small supplies .	. 1,321 39	
Gas 772 87	
Rent 500 00	
Cartage 83 00	
Ice 28 00	
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ATTENDANCE AT BEACHES, FLOATING BATH-HOUSES AND
SWIMMING POOL.

June 15, 1906, to October 1, 1906.

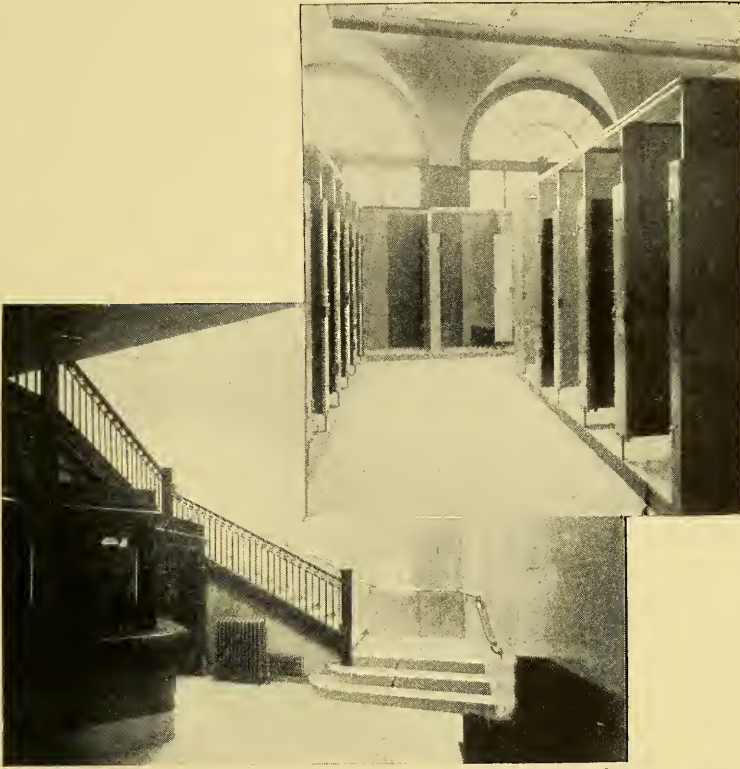
L and K streets beach bath-houses	839,137
North End Park beach bath-houses	273,631
Wood Island Park beach bath-houses	190,928
Dewey beach bath-houses	126,975
Commercial Point beach bath-houses	30,842
Spring street (river bath)	31,870
Orchard Park swimming pool	60,271
Warren bridge floating bath-houses	68,545
Dover-street bridge floating bath-houses	75,815
West Boston bridge floating bath-house	75,000
West Boston bridge floating bath-house No. 2	115,631
New street floating bath-houses	65,079
Jeffries Point floating bath-house	25,295
Brighton bridge floating bath-house	10,875
 Total	 1,989,894

ATTENDANCE AT ALL-THE-YEAR-ROUND BATHS AND
GYMNASIUMS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1906, TO JAN-
UARY 31, 1907.

	Men and Boys.	Women and Girls.	Total.
Dover-street bath-house.....	186,299	118,480	304,779
Cabot-street bath-house and swimming pool,	94,208	23,540	117,748
D-street gymnasium	60,177	13,193	73,370
East Boston gymnasium.....	63,072	14,886	77,958
Ward 16 gymnasium.....	39,072	16,483	55,555
Ward 7 gymnasium.....	30,061	10,908	40,969
Ward 9 gymnasium.....	17,831	4,517	22,348
	490,720	202,007	692,727
 Total attendance for the year	 	 	 2,682,621



DOVER STREET BATH.



INTERIOR OF DOVER STREET BATH.



SHOWER BATHS AT THE EAST BOSTON GYMNASIUM.

THOMAS J. LANE.

Since the last report the department and the city have suffered a great loss in the death of Thomas J. Lane. As chairman and leading spirit of the department since its inception, the chief credit for all the work of its upbuilding is owing to him. No detail in its administration escaped his conscientious attention. All of the Trustees and every employee in the department were attached to him as a personal friend.

The following resolution was adopted by the Trustees at the time of Mr. Lane's death:

Whereas, In the death of

THOMAS J. LANE

the Department of Baths has lost its most valued member, and the City of Boston one of its most useful citizens, this Board wishes to place on record its recognition of his faithful and official service.

To his broad-minded and intelligent administration during the eight years he served as chairman is due to a large extent the development and increased usefulness of this department of the city's work. His zeal and devotion were of the highest order and his standard of character of the best. Therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board hereby expresses its great sense of loss and its deepest sympathy with his family, and directs that these minutes be spread upon its records and that a copy be engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased.

BATH DEPARTMENT.

TRUSTEES.

LEONARD D. AHL	Term ending 1908
THOMAS ARTHUR	“ “ 1909
MRS. JACOB H. HECHT	“ “ 1910
HENRY EHRLICH, M.D	“ “ 1910
JAMES M. PORTER	“ “ 1911
MRS. LAWRENCE J. LOGAN	“ “ 1912
JOHN J. O'HARE	“ “ 1912

LEONARD D. AHL,
Chairman.

JOSEPH P. O'BRIEN,
General Superintendent.



